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June 29, 2001

Hon. Philip N. Asprodites  
Commissioner of Conservation  
P. O. Box 94275  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804

Re: Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, Turps Field,  
Beauregard Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Asprodites:

Application is hereby made on behalf of HS Resources, Inc. to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, pertaining to the following matters relative to the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, Turps Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana:

1. To dissolve the HBY RB SUA created by Office of Conservation Order No. 1435-C-2, effective May 9, 2000;
2. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, in the Turps Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana;
3. To create a single drilling and production unit for the Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, designated as the HBY RH SU A as shown on the plat attached hereto;
4. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interest within the units so created on a surface acreage basis of participation;

5. To designate a unit well and unit operator for the unit so created;
6. To allow the Commissioner of Conservation to reclassify the Reservoir by supplemental order, without the necessity of public hearing, should the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation;
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Hackberry Sand, Reservoir H, in the Turps Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as that gas and condensate producing zone found between the depths of 8062' and 8080' (electric log measurements) in the HS Resources - J. A. E. Richard No. 2 Well located in Section 32, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana.

The pre-application conference was held on May 17, 2001. In attendance were the parties shown on the attached attendance list. The conference was opened by James C. Bates, attorney for the applicant, and turned over to James F. Hardwick, geologic consultant for the applicant, who discussed the bases of the applicant's unit proposal. After questions and answers concerning the applicant's proposal, Charles G. Smith, on behalf of J. A. E. Richard, presented a counterplan which differed from the applicant's plan by placing the northern boundary at a midpoint between the HSR-J.A.E. Richard No. 2 Well and the Phillips-Richard No. 1 Well. Bill Clay on behalf of Proven Fuel Exploration, Inc. presented a counterplan which differed from the applicant's plan by extending the west boundary to the west, resulting in a proposed unit of approximately 185 acres. After further discussion, questions and answers, the conference was adjourned. The applicant has comprised with some of the interested parties, and accordingly, the applicant has revised its proposal so as to move the northern line of its proposed unit to the south, resulting in a unit of approximately 133 acres. It is unknown whether there will be opposition at the hearing. In addition to furnishing the legal notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, the applicant will provide for posting of the legal notice of the hearing and unit plat in a prominent place in the area of Turps Field. Additionally, the legal notice will be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the vicinity of Turps Field at least fifteen (15) days before the hearing date.

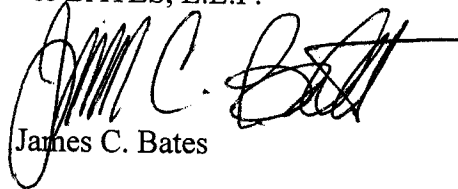
All pertinent data relating to this proposed application may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from Cutright & Hardwick, P. O. Box 80972, Lafayette, LA 70598-0972, (337) 232-7756.

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Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the revised proposal for the HBY RH SUA in the Turps Field, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana. Also enclosed to the Commissioner of Conservation and District Manager **ONLY** is a list of Interested Owners, Interested Parties and Represented Parties to whom a copy of this notice is being sent. Copies of this list will be provided upon request. A reasonable effort has been made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Interested Parties or Represented Parties. Also enclosed is our check payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

STRAIN, DENNIS, MAYHALL  
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James C. Bates

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard Hudson  
District Manager

Interested Parties  
Interested Owners  
Represented Parties

